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Field Crops

Cotton bolls opening were at 82 percent, behind last year and the five-year average of 84 and 69 percent, respectively. Cotton harvest is at 2 percent, behind last year and the five-year average of 7 and 8 percent. The cotton crop condition continues to be rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location. Arizona's alfalfa conditions are rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped potatoes last week. Western Arizona growers had no movement last week.

Range and Pasture

Rains in some areas have brought in needed moisture to some locations across the State, but not enough to ease the overall drought conditions. Range and Pastures were rated in mostly very poor to fair condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	0	2	22	56	20
Range and Pasture	37	15	17	27	4
Cotton	0	1	14	51	34

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	82	53	84	69
• Harvested	2	1	7	8

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending September 8, 2013, ranging from 1 degree above normal at various locations to 12 degrees above normal at the Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 112 degrees recorded in Parker. The lowest reading was 49 degrees at Flagstaff

and the Grand Canyon. Nineteen of the twenty-two weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Yuma received the least precipitation at 0.03 inches and Safford received the most at 0.74 inches. Sixteen of the 22 stations have received more than 70 percent of normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
September 2, 2013 - September 8, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	84	4	103	68	0.33	6.38	-0.47	93
Buckeye	91	3	110	76	0.00	4.76	0.03	101
Bullhead City	91	1	110	71	0.05	2.78	-1.48	65
Canyon De Chelly	74	5	90	51	0.07	5.15	-1.18	81
Coolidge	87	4	108	69	0.16	4.71	-0.34	93
Douglas	78	4	96	59	0.42	14.30	4.82	151
Flagstaff	65	6	81	49	0.40	18.21	2.80	118
Grand Canyon	67	12	83	49	0.42	8.31	-5.86	59
Kingman	78	2	93	65	0.39	5.06	-1.79	74
Maricopa	88	3	108	72	0.41	3.07	-1.64	65
Paloma	90	3	109	75	0.00	3.37	-1.23	73
Parker	87	1	112	72	0.16	1.97	-0.84	70
Payson	75	6	92	58	0.35	17.04	2.25	115
Phoenix	95	8	111	73	0.00	4.74	0.01	100
Prescott	74	8	90	59	0.14	8.35	-5.66	60
Roll	90	1	111	74	0.31	1.83	-0.14	93
Safford	83	6	98	66	0.74	4.69	-1.51	76
St. Johns	73	5	90	53	0.19	5.22	-2.73	66
Tucson	87	5	104	71	0.06	4.08	-3.93	51
Willcox	78	5	100	53	0.58	9.50	0.62	107
Winslow	76	5	94	59	0.14	5.85	0.61	112
Yuma	94	6	110	78	0.03	1.38	-0.59	70
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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